

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

BARNSELEY v. LUTON TOWN.

Played at Barnsley on Saturday. Result—

Barnsley 2 goals.

Luton Town 1 goal.

The teams were as follow:—

Luton—Perkins, goal; Williams and Moore, backs; C. Ford, Sharp, and Clarke, half-backs; Durrant, Kemplay, W. Ford, McInnes, and Brock, forwards.

Barnsley—Greaves, goal; McCartney and Nixon, backs; Ritchie, Burleigh, and Moore, half-backs; Davis, Smith, Murray, Gee, and McCulloch, forwards.

MORE people wear cellular for cycling, tennis and cricket every year. It is the ideal summer and athletic clothing. Sole agent for Luton—M. Mares.—[ADVT.]

Poor Luton! It is very hard luck to lose three matches in succession by a single goal, and my sympathy goes out to ye in your dire distress. And the luck has been all the harder from the fact that on each occasion the winning team has profited by circumstances over which Luton have had no control, and but for which the results might have been different.

As I pointed out last week, it was a misfortune that the Arsenal should have scored their goal whilst Charlie Ford was off the field, and, as far as could be seen, as a consequence of his absence; it was a misfortune that Tottenham should have obtained their victory as the result of an injury to Crump; and it was a greater misfortune still that Barnsley should have been returned the winners on Saturday by reason of a penalty kick taken twice over.

As a matter of fact, no one seems to know what the penalty kick was awarded for. The Luton players have no idea of what the cause was, one of the linesmen, when asked, confessed that he had seen no infringement, and the Press representatives can only make the bald announcement that a penalty kick was given, without attempting to assign any reason for it.

But the strangest part of the affair has yet to be told. McCartney took the kick, and Perkins saved, only to see the burly Barnsley back deputed to take the kick over again, on the ground that he had been interfered with, though it is positively affirmed that there was no player within the regulation distance of him. Naturally, McCartney made no mistake at the second try; there are not many that would.

It was rather a big ordeal for the Luton men to make the journey to Yorkshire on Saturday morning, with the sun rendering travelling unpleasantly warm, and turn out to face a League team in the afternoon, but they got through it well, and appeared pretty fit when they took their positions on the field.

McInnes, who seems as fortunate with the coin as Stewart was unfortunate, won the toss, and Luton played the first half with the sun and wind behind them. Despite the most strenuous exertions, however, they could not establish a lead, the forwards not being particularly dangerous near goal. Thus it was that the interval arrived with a blank score sheet.

But in the second half, the success that had been so long striven for, came, and McInnes had the double pleasure of beating McCartney and giving Luton the lead. This success, unfortunately, was shortly afterwards neutralised by the penalty kick before referred to, and Barnsley taking advantage of the demoralisation which such an event was bound to cause, scored again, through the medium of Davies, and thus won the match.

There is not the least doubt that on the play Luton deserved to win. That is generally acknowledged, even by Barnsley supporters, but at the same time the Luton attack was not as strong as might have been desired. McInnes was again much the best of the forwards. W. Ford worked hard, without a great deal of success, either individually or as a means of keeping the others together, and it is a question whether he should not be given a trial on the wings, for which he certainly seems more suited.

The other forwards were useful, but not brilliant. Sharp was the best of the halves, and played a really good game, but Moore was once again disappointing at back. Williams gave a fair exhibition, and Perkins did all that a man could do in goal.

There was a rumour in Luton on Saturday that McCartney had played a dirty game against his old Club, but this, I am glad to say, was unfounded. McCartney, who is the captain of the Barnsley eleven, gave a very good show indeed, and his play was not marred by any shady tactics.

The Arsenal created somewhat of a surprise on

A meeting of the Management Committee of the United League was held in London on Thursday, when there were present Messrs. Humble, Buckle, Gibson, and Jarvis, with the hon. sec., Mr. G. H. Barford. Kettering, Millwall, and Wellingborough, not having paid their annual subscription, were informed that unless paid immediately, the committee would deal with the matter. Kettering were also to be asked to give an explanation for playing J. Raynor on September 3rd.

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Luton were reported by Kettering for registering Perkins without their (Kettering's) permission; but the committee simply referred the complaining club to the last clause of Rule 5, which states that "all players shall be free at the end of the season, and shall require re-registration each season." It was decided that the secretary should prepare and forward to each club as early as possible, a complete list of registered players.

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Another paragraph in the official report of the proceedings read as follows: "The Secretary will take it as a personal favour if referees who are in the habit of asking, directly or indirectly, for certain appointments, would not do so, as the appointments are made by the Management Committee, such requests not being produced at the meeting."

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Mr. T. Saywell was appointed to referee in the Luton v. Tottenham match on Monday next, and the referees for the Luton matches in October are as follow:—Monday, 10th, Woolwich v. Luton, Mr. Tillotson; 17th, Luton v. Brighton, Mr. West; 24th, Rushden v. Luton, Mr. Griffiths. Mr. R. Fuller, I notice, has been given charge of the very important match, Southampton v. Woolwich.

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Millwall entertained Wellingborough on Monday in a United League match, and beat them by three goals to one.